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# Commuter Services Recognizes PA Employers For "Best Workplaces for Commuters"

**York, Pa. (February 12, 2018)** – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania, in partnership with the National Center for Transit Research (NCTR) at the University of South Florida, has identified seven regional employers from within the 13 county Commuter Services footprint as "Best Workplaces for Commuters" in 2018. The employers receive this national accreditation for offering exceptional employee-provided commuter benefits at their worksite.

By providing commuter benefits such as carpooling/vanpooling programs, transit benefits, teleworking, flexible work schedules and access to an Emergency Ride Home program, these seven local employers show commitment to regional pollution reduction, greater economical savings related to commuting costs and reducing employee stress caused by single occupant vehicle travel to and from work.

"These seven companies understand and demonstrate the importance and impact commuter benefits have on their employees, and the value they bring to the environment," said Julie Bond, Program Manager, Best Workplaces for Commuters. "Excellent commuter benefit programs may reward these companies with a national designation, as well as workplace productivity, customer loyalty and brand recognition in an increasingly competitive marketplace."

The employers receiving this recognition include:

- Always Bagels, Lebanon County
- Comcast Cable, York County
- County of Lancaster, Lancaster County
- Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories, Lancaster County
- Fresh Express, Dauphin County
- Hollander Sleep Products LLC, Schuylkill County
- Ingram Micro, Dauphin County

Companies who pursue "Best Workplaces for Commuters" status must meet the National Standard of Excellence criteria set forth. Only a small percentage of employers nationwide possess the willingness and ability to attain this exceptional standing. The "Best Workplaces for Commuters" designation acknowledges employers who have listened to their employees' concerns about traffic congestion and the emissions from regional vehicle traffic and implemented commuter programs that meet their employees' needs. Commuter Services will hold an awards ceremony in the spring to congratulate these employers and publicly recognize their efforts. For more information on "Best Workplaces for Commuters" please visit <u>www.bestworkplaces.org</u>.

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Commuter Services board includes transit agencies, metropolitan planning organizations and chambers:

- Capital Area Transit, Lebanon Transit, Monroe County Transportation Authority, Schuylkill County Transportation System, South Central Transit Authority and Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.
- Adams, Franklin, Harrisburg (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties), Lancaster, Lebanon, NEPA (Schuylkill, Carbon, Monroe and Pike counties), Reading and York MPOs.
- The Carbon Chamber & Economic Development, the Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC; the Gettysburg Adams, Greater Chambersburg and Lebanon Valley Chambers of Commerce; Greater Reading Chamber Alliance, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the York County Economic Alliance.